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St Clair Co. - 6-3-1971

CAHOKIA - Alleged Chemical Discharge

TO: Bureau of Water Pollution Control

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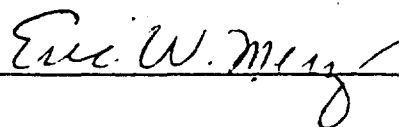
DATE OF VISIT: March 16, 1971

INTERVIEWED: Joseph S. LiVigni, City Council Member
Roscoe Easteridge, Public Works Director

On March 15, 1971, the writer received a telephone call from the Mayor of Cahokia's secretary, Mrs. Saab. She explained that the previous day a yellow chemical substance was prominent throughout the major drainage ditch (termed Dead Creek) which serves the southwest portion of the city.

On the above date the writer met with Mr. Joseph S. LiVigni, Cahokia City Council member, and Mr. Roscoe Easteridge, Cahokia Public Works Director. Both gentlemen had observed the yellow substance in the ditch on March 14, 1971 but expressed doubt as to whether any trace was remaining. An investigation of the area where the alleged substance was located indicated no evidence of the above described substance being present. The area investigated was the drainage ditch at Queeny Avenue near Route 3 in Sauget. Mr. LiVigni indicated he suspected the alleged discharge to have come from the Waggoner Trucking Company, a chemical transport company located on Queeny Avenue adjacent to the drainage ditch. A brief inspection of the Waggoner property indicated no evidence to support Mr. LiVigni's suspicions.

It was explained to Mr. LiVigni and Mr. Easteridge that before the Agency can act on an alleged violation sufficient evidence must be obtainable to support the complaint. Both gentlemen were advised to immediately contact the writer if the alleged condition resumes.



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